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SUBJ: PRESS REPORT BURMESE SOLDIERS CROSS THAI BORDER

1. ON JAN 21 BOTH BANGKOK POST AND NATION REVIEW REPORTED THAT BURMESE SOLDIERS HAD INTRUDED INTO MAE CHAN DISTRICT OF CHIANG RAI PROVINCE. NATION SAID 30 BURMESE TROOPS HAD COME ACROSS INTO THAI TERRITORY WHILE PURSUING HAW (THAI WORD FOR YUNNANESE) REBELS. POST SAID BURMESE SOLDIERS NUMBERED 300, WERE SUPPORTED BY TWO C-47 AIRCRAFT, AND WERE BELIEVED TO BE PURSUING KAREN REBELS. ACCORDING TO BOTH STORIES THAI POLICE HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE AREA TO NEGOTIATE THE RETURN TO BURMA OF THE TROOPS.

2. COMMENT: THAI-BURMA BORDER AREA IS MOUNTAINOUS, AND DE-MARKATION IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE. EMBASSY WILL REPORT IF ANY FURTHER ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE INCIDENT. WHITEHOUSE

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